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FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: APER, AFSP, TS

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POSITION IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL  
SECTION

SUMMARY. EMBASSY REQUESTS ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL FSO POSITION IN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION. WITHOUT ADDITIONAL POSITION, PRESENT TWO OFFICERS IN SECTION WILL HAVE TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE MANY ACTIVITIES OF IMPORTANCE TO US INTERESTS (E.G., CERP PROGRAM, SFCP PROJECTS SUPPORT, AND EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL BULLETIN) IN ATTEMPT TO MEET ADDITIONAL HIGHER-PRIORITY WORKLOAD RESULTING FROM VERY SUCCESSFUL US-TUNISIA JOINT COMMISSION AND GROWING NUMBER OF US INVESTMENT AND TRADE OPPORTUNITIES IN TUNISIA. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION AND ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICER AT FSO-6-5 LEVEL. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS STRONG NEED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL POSITION AT FSO-5-6 LEVEL IN EMBASSY'S ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION IN ORDER TO MEET PRESENT AND ANTICIPATED INCREASED WORK REQUIREMENTS DIRECTLY BENEFITING US INTERESTS. IN ORDER TO PERMIT PRESENT TWO-MAN SECTION TO MEET GROWING WORK REQUIREMENTS SINCE 1972,  
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JUNIOR POLITICAL OFFICER (POSITION 10-5550-006) HAS BEEN

SPENDING INCREASING AMOUNT OF HIS TIME IN THIS SECTION,  
UP TO 90 PER CENT IN CURRENT YEAR. THIS POSITION WAS  
ABOLISHED BY STATE 223427. REMAINING TWO OFFICERS,  
WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXTENDED IN MEETING THEIR OWN JOB  
RESPONSIBILITIES, WILL ALSO HAVE TO PICK UP THOSE  
PERFORMED BY JUNIOR POLITICAL OFFICER AS WELL.

2. WORKLOAD ON E/C SECTION HAS INCREASED CONSIDERABLY  
IN PAST THREE YEARS BECAUSE OF DEVELOPMENT OF US  
COMMERCIAL EXPORTS TO TUNISIA (THOSE NOT FINANCED  
UNDER AID) AND GROWING RESPONSE OF US FIRMS TO TUNISIAN  
EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FOREIGN I\*- &)\* \*X\*A

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